

**THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A composition comprising:

(a) one or more partially neutralized esters of one or more monoglycerides,

diglycerides, or both, of one or more saturated fatty acids with citric acid; and

5 (b) one or more inclusion compounds of one or more cyclodextrins and one or more retinoids.

2. The composition of Claim 1, wherein the one or more retinoids is selected from retinol and esters thereof, retinal, and retinoic acid and esters thereof.

3. The composition of Claim 1, wherein the one or more retinoids is retinol.

10 4. The composition of Claim 1, wherein the one or more partially neutralized esters of one or more monoglycerides, diglycerides, or both, of one or more saturated fatty acids with citric acid is glyceryl stearate citrate.

5. The composition of Claim 1, wherein the one or more inclusion compounds of one or more cyclodextrins and one or more retinoids is a retinol- $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin complex.

15 6. A composition useful for the treatment or prophylaxis of skin against damage resulting from aging, exposure to oxidative influences, and the like, the composition comprising:

(a) glyceryl stearate citrate; and

(b) a retinol- $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin complex.

20 7. A cosmetic or dermatological oil-in-water emulsion comprising a combination of:

(a) one or more partially neutralized esters of one or more monoglycerides, diglycerides, or both, of one or more saturated fatty acids with citric acid; and

25 (b) one or more inclusion compounds of one or more cyclodextrins and one or more retinoids.

8. The emulsion of Claim 7, wherein the one or more retinoids is selected from

retinol and esters thereof, retinal, and retinoic acid and esters thereof.

9. The emulsion of Claim 8, wherein the one or more retinoids is retinol.

10. The emulsion of Claim 7, wherein the one or more partially neutralized esters of one or more monoglycerides, diglycerides, or both, of one or more saturated fatty acids with citric acid is glyceryl stearate citrate.

5 11. The emulsion of Claim 7, wherein the one or more inclusion compounds of one or more cyclodextrins and one or more retinoids is a retinol- $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin complex.

10 12. The emulsion of Claim 7, comprising the one or more partially neutralized esters of one or more monoglycerides, diglycerides, or both, of one or more saturated fatty acids with citric acid in an amount of 0.1 - 20% by weight, based on the total weight of the emulsion.

15 13. The emulsion of Claim 12, comprising the one or more partially neutralized esters of one or more monoglycerides, diglycerides, or both, of one or more saturated fatty acids with citric acid in an amount of 0.5 - 10% by weight, based on the total weight of the emulsion.

14. The emulsion of Claim 13, comprising the one or more partially neutralized esters of one or more monoglycerides, diglycerides, or both, of one or more saturated fatty acids with citric acid in an amount of 1.0 – 5.0% by weight, based on the total weight of the emulsion.